

SPEAK KIND WORDS FOR PARTY LEADERS

Zion Methodists Commend Roosevelt, Foraker, Hughes, Bryan, Chanler and Daniel.

OTHER PETERSBURG NEWS

Man Commits Suicide by Drinking Carbolic Acid—Church Services—Personals.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

PETERSBURG, VA., December 7.—The adoption of a unique report from the committee on the state of the county, was a striking feature of today's session of the Virginia Conference, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. Referring to political conditions, the report commended President Roosevelt, Senator Foraker and Governor Hughes of the Republican party, as friends of the negro race and desirable candidates for the presidential nomination, with especial mention of Hughes, and among the Democrats, Bryan, Lieutenant-Governor Chanler, of New York, and Senator Daniel, of Virginia, are commended in the same respects. The activity of the temperance work throughout the country was also highly endorsed.

The report on the general fund for church expenses showed a total of \$2,421, which has risen from \$1,500 under the twelve-year administration of Bishop Alexander Walters, whose retention in his present charge was requested in commendatory resolutions passed by unanimous vote.

The committee on missions reported the work to be in excellent condition, and especially mentioned the recent sending of a young minister to the west coast of Africa. A like favorable report was presented by the committee on education, particularly mentioning the work of the Normal and Industrial Institute, at Edenton, N. C.

Franklin, Southampton county, Va., was selected as the place of meeting for the next session of the conference, December 4, 1908.

This session will end to-morrow evening with the reading of pastoral appointments.

Death From Carbolic Acid.

William Davis, a married man, about fifty years old, died at the police station last evening from the effects of drinking carbolic acid. He was taken to the police station by Officer Hall, who was notified that Davis had been seen to drink the poison on the street. The man acknowledged that he had drunk the acid, and Dr. W. P. Hoy, who was at once summoned, did everything in his power to save life, but the poison had done its deadly work before the doctor arrived. Davis is said to have had some domestic troubles and to have been on a spree. He leaves a widow and three children, who reside in this city, and three brothers, who reside in Kitterick. The funeral took place in Kitterick Cemetery this afternoon.

Visiting Ministers Preach.

Many visiting ministers attending the Virginia Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, now in session at the Oak Street A. M. E. Zion Church here, will preach at the colored churches in this city to-morrow at the Oak Street Church the Rev. Dr. George L. Blackwell will

"Wise Talks by the Office Boy"



Golly, I just dote on poetry! Been reading up lately the works of the greatest poets. Don't know but what I may go in for long hair and a poet's life myself. Last night I reeled off this one just for practice:

Don't knock; just boost:
Boost all the time;
Boost with or without a rhyme;
But if you've naught to boost about,
Just wrap a flag around your neck
and shout!

That's the Walt Whitman style of verse—not much metre, but gets there just the same. He was called the good gray poet. Grays are still in style—your winter suit yet? If not, buy it of boss.

WILLIE,



MAIN & 14TH STREETS

preach at the morning service, the Rev. Dr. W. M. Sutton at the afternoon service, and the Rev. Dr. E. George Biddle in the evening. Others will preach at the Gifford Baptist, First Ebenezer Baptist, Central Presbyterian, Zion Baptist and Union Station C. M. E. Churches.

Services will be held to-morrow at the Harrison Street Baptist Church, colored, for the first time since the closing of the building, by order of the Hastings Court, several months ago, when the factional quarrel in the congregation about the pastor, Eli Tarrt, was brought before the court.

Bishop A. M. Randolph, of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, will preach and confirm a class at St. Paul's Episcopal Church to-morrow morning, and at the Good Shepherd Memorial Church in the evening.

New Telephone Exchange.

The Dinwiddie Telephone Company's Exchange at DeWitt was completed yesterday, and will soon commence work with Mrs. Simmons as chief operator. The new exchange is said to be up-to-date in every way, and it is understood that the company's list of subscribers bids fair to cover the entire western part of Dinwiddie county.

David A. Barnes is manager of the company. Machinery is now being installed at the Friend Shoe Manufacturing Company's factory on Pine Street, and the new industry will begin next week.

The plant will be managed by an experienced operator from Boston, and will have a daily capacity of about 250 pairs of shoes.

A significant comment on the credit of this city was the purchase during the recently prevailing financial stress of a considerable number of 4 per cent. city of Petersburg bonds at 110 per by a syndicate of local business men.

QUARRIES ALL BUSY

State Being Made and Shipped in Large Quantities—Building Active.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ARVONIA, VA., December 7.—Work progressing well in all the slate quarries here, and full forces of men are employed in every branch of slate production. There is now no scarcity of labor anywhere. Common labor is plentiful, and nearly if not quite all of the skilled laborers who left for the Northern slate fields at the time of the strike have returned and resumed work. The quarries are in excellent shape for the production of slate, and shipment to all parts of the country is brisk.

As a consequence of the extreme activity in the slate field, business of all kinds is brisk, and the stores are doing fine business. A considerable amount of building is now in progress, and a renewal of the building boom is expected early in the spring.

Plans are now on foot for the lighting of the place with gasoline lights. The matter is to be decided within the next week or two.

The handsome new stores of the Virginia Slate Company, L. Pitts and David W. Pierce, all modern and up-to-date in every particular, give quite a cosmopolitan appearance to the eastern portion of the place. The Odd-Fellows' building has just been completed, and excavations are being made for the foundations of the new Masonic Temple and town hall.

DR. GRAVATT'S BARN BURNED

Splendid Structure, Not Quite Complete, Destroyed by Fire.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., December 7.—The large, new, modern barn, not quite completed, belonging to Dr. C. L. Gravatt, the newly-elected State Senator from Caroline county, was destroyed by fire this morning while workmen were laying the lower floor.

A corn shredder was at work in the barn, and it is supposed that the fire started from a spark from the engine. The loss is \$1,500; there is no insurance.

Judge J. E. Mason has appointed R. A. Banton a member of the board of supervisors of Spotsylvania county from Courtland District, to fill the unexpired term of the late Dr. C. R. Massey.

J. P. Olinger, of lower Fauquier county, lost his residence about one year ago by fire. He built a new house and a few nights ago that was destroyed by fire. There was no insurance. Mr. Olinger intended to insure the property, but delayed it.

NOTTOWAY CIRCUIT COURT.

Busy Session Being Held—Negro Given Six Years.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CREWE, VA., December 7.—Nottoway Circuit Court is now in session, Judge Walter A. Watson presiding, and will continue to next week, as there are a considerable number of cases on the common law and chancery docket to dispose of.

Garfield Fitzgerald, who shot Thomas C. Short, a white man, in the streets of Crewe on the night of the 27th of July, was tried yesterday. His trial consumed the entire day, and resulted in his conviction and his term of confinement in the penitentiary was fixed at six years. He was ably defended by Colonel Meade H. Jones, of Blackstone, and prosecuted by Henry E. Lee, attorney for the Commonwealth.

Among the lawyers in attendance at this term of court are Hon. Robert G. Southall, of Amelia; Hon. T. P. Shelton, of Richmond; Mr. James M. Quinn, Jr., of Petersburg; Messrs. J. Taylor Thompson and G. S. Wing, of Prince Edward county.

GUESTS HAVE MUCH FUN AT CLEVER TACKY PARTY

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

HAMPDEN-SIDNEY COLLEGE, December 7.—On Friday evening Miss Nellie McWhorter entertained a number of her friends at her house for a tacky party. A number of the costumes were admirably gotten up and called forth the usual meriment on such occasions. Prizes were awarded to those whose get-up seemed to merit especial attention. Refreshments were served at 10 o'clock, after which the fun-making continued.

Among those present were Mrs. J. H. Winston, Miss Minnie Lacy, Miss Margaret Hart, Miss Calista Weston. A number of the students were present. Some of them were Messrs. Blair Pitts, Walter Moore, S. S. Simmerman, Sidney Coulter, W. C. Pancake, T. K. Young, Carl Fleming, H. Byers, Brooke Lewis, G. H. Sterring, James Cecil and D. Weir.

The Rocky Mount Market.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ROCKY MOUNT, N. C., December 7.—Offerings of leaf tobacco were very heavy the first three days of the past week, requiring double sales on Tuesday and Wednesday. The snow storm of Wednesday, however, cut short the receipts for the remainder of the week, and the market was in a bad condition, and it was almost impossible for the farmers to get to market.

The character of the receipts showed some improvement over the past few weeks, there being a better class of tobacco offered, especially of the medium to good type. There was also a good proportion of bright leaf and cutters, and a fair sprinkling of good to the wrappers.

Prices were some easier on several grades, though not quite so low; the earlier prices being shown more in the improved quality of the tobacco than in the decreased average. Taken as a whole the farmers are well satisfied with prices obtained, and seem determined to sell the remainder of the crop as fast as possible. Sales for the week were about 400,000 pounds.

WEEKLY BANK STATEMENT SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

NEW YORK, December 7.—The statement of the clearing house banks for the week shows that the banks hold \$16,210,350 less than the requirements of the 25 per cent. rule. This is an improvement of \$6,779,075 in the portable cash reserve as compared with last week. The statement follows:

Loans, \$1,186,295,000; decrease, \$11,682,900.
Deposits, \$1,074,851,400; decrease, \$8,481,900.
Circulation, \$68,558,100; increase, \$3,528,300.
Legal tenders, \$48,813,800; increase, \$1,833,000.
Specie, \$173,888,700; increase, \$3,384,100.
Reserves, \$222,602,500; increase, \$4,671,100.

Reserve required, \$268,782,500; decrease, \$2,107,975.
Deficit, \$46,210,350; decrease, \$6,779,075.
Ex-United States deposits, \$27,412,800; decrease, \$7,617,700.

Rock Social.

The young ladies of Clay Street Church will hold a "Rock Social" at the residence of Mrs. John W. Gilman on Tuesday evening. The proceeds will be used for charitable purposes. An interesting program has been arranged, and friends are urged to help in a worthy cause.

Christmas Buying

Street cars from every section of the city and from the suburbs will land you direct at
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The Faulkner & Warriner Co.'s store, First and Broad Streets, where you'll find useful, artistic and economical presents for all.

Among the profusion of gift goods you can select from are Leather Goods, Jewelry, Silver-Mounted Toilet Articles, Military Brushes, including an exceptional line of Ladies' Neckwear, in silk, lace and chiffon, these latter ranging in price from 25c to \$1.50.

Light Outing Cloth Only 10 yards to a buyer, because we are selling a 10c value for 53c	Apron Gingham In all size checks; only 10 yards to a buyer; an 8 1/2c value for 53c	White Cambric and Cotton 36 inches wide; a 12 1/2c value, on Monday for only 83c
Outing Cloth An extra heavy quality; worth 12 1/2c, for 8 1/2c.	Dress Goods Specials Mixed Suitings, in checks, stripes and plaids; a 50c value, for 35c. French Serges and Storm Serges; a 65c value, for 50c. Invincible Check Suiting, in the popular browns only; a \$1.00 value, for 75c.	Three Flannel Specials White Wool Flannel; worth 35c, for 25c. 35c Red Twill Flannel, on Monday, for 25c. Gray, White and Red Flannel; worth 40c, for only 25c.
Dolls from 25c to \$5.00 Blaque Dolls and Dolls of Kid, Large Dolls and small Dolls. With red hair, black hair, brown hair and golden tresses.	Christmas Linens Japanese and Cluny Drawn Work, Dollies, Scarfs, Shams and Centre-pieces. Dollies, 5c to 25c. Centrepieces, 25c to \$5.00. Scarfs, 30c to \$3.75. Shams, 45c to \$6.00.	Christmas Comforts Laminated Cotton Comforts, covered with good grade silkoline. \$1.75 value, for \$1.25. \$2.25 value, for \$1.50. \$2.50 value, for \$1.95. Laminated Wool Comforts, 13 by 18 inches in size; a \$4.00 value, for \$2.98. Elder Down Comforts, covered with French sateen; worth \$6.00, for \$4.98. Christmas Blankets, made of long, selected California wool. 10-4 size, worth \$4.00, for \$2.98. 10-4 size, worth \$4.50, for \$3.30. 11-4 size, worth \$5.00, for \$3.98. 11-4 size, worth \$6.50, for \$4.60.
Holiday Handkerchiefs Put up in richly illuminated gift boxes.	Men's Handkerchiefs All-linen, hemstitched, with one-quarter and one-inch hems. This is a special lot from an overloaded jobber. They would ordinarily cost you \$2.50 the dozen. Our price is 12 1/2c each, or \$1.50 the dozen.	Children's Coats Children's Gray Astrachan Coats, sizes 2 to 5, for \$2.98. Children's Bear Skin Coats, in white, \$3.98 and \$4.98.
Colored Silk Handkerchiefs These all-silk 50c values are now cut to 25c. Silk Mufflers at 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50.	Children's Handkerchiefs We are showing a pretty assortment, packed three to the box, for 25c a box.	Infants' Coats and Caps Infants' Bedford Cord Coats, cream color, trimmed collar, \$1.48. Infants' Crochet Sacks, 50c, 75c and \$1.00. Infants' Silk Caps, 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00.
Ladies' Handkerchiefs Plain All-Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs; also a lot of cross-bar and Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs; worth \$1.3c, for 5c. Plain Sheer Linen Hemstitched Swiss Embroidered and Scalloped Handkerchiefs, at 10c, 12 1/2c, 25c, 50c and \$1.00.	Ladies' Handkerchiefs Plain All-Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs; also a lot of cross-bar and Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs; worth \$1.3c, for 5c. Plain Sheer Linen Hemstitched Swiss Embroidered and Scalloped Handkerchiefs, at 10c, 12 1/2c, 25c, 50c and \$1.00.	Leggings and Togues White or Red Knee Leggings, for children, for only 25c. Children's Leggin Drawers, in white or black, for 50c. Children's Togues, in light or dark colors, for 25c. Children's Togues, in solid or mixed colors, extra long, for 50c.
Agents for Standard Patterns, Only 10c and 15c	Christmas Bargins in Ladies' Suits All-Wool Cheviot Suits, satin-lined jackets, with velvet collars, for \$12.50. Cloth Suits, in blue or brown, plain short tailored jacket, and skirt with fold, for \$15.00. Hard-Finish Serge Suits, with new-cut coat, very stylish; a \$20.00 value, for \$16.50.	Underwear Bargins Misses' and Boys' Very Heavy Fleece-Lined Vests and Pants, 25c. Misses' Fleece-Lined Vests; 22c quality, for 15c. Misses' and Boys' Half Wool Pants, in white or gray; 75c quality, for 50c. Ladies' Extra-Heavy Fleece-Lined Vests and Pants, for 50c.
Furniture Scarfs Hemstitched Scarfs, lace-trimmed and extra long, for 25c. Very Fine Muslin or Lace Scarfs, with plain or scalloped edge, 50c.	Silk and Net Waists White Net Waists, silk-lined, for \$3.98. \$5.00 and \$6.00 Silk Waists, in white, for \$2.50. Chiffon Taffeta Silk Waists, in black and colors, for \$5.00.	Express paid by us to points in Va., W. Va., and N. C., on purchases amounting to \$5 or over.

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FIRST AND BROAD STS.

MR. TULLAR TO SPEAK
New York Evangelist to Address Men This Afternoon.
What will perhaps be the most important meeting for men during the year 1907 will be held at the Bijou Theatre this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association. The speaker, Mr. Grant Colfax Tullar, of New York, has twice had great audiences of men in Richmond. Mr. L. H. Meredith, the choir leader and soloist, will sing. Mr. Tullar will speak on "Soul Possion." The doors of the theatre open at 3 o'clock.
Almost two hundred boys were in attendance last Sunday upon the boys' meeting. This afternoon at 3:15 o'clock Mr. Tullar will speak in very boys on the theme, "A Boy Without a First." Mr. Meredith will sing.
The Conversational Bible Class will meet in the Blue Room of the Association Building after the adjournment of the men's meeting at the theatre.
In the absence of the Rev. Dr. G. V. McDaniel, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Mr. Tullar will speak at that church at the night service. Mr. Meredith will sing again. This meeting will be for both men and women.

MINOR CASES
Johnson Escapes on Plea of Self-Defense—Thomas Goes to Jail.
Mordimer Johnson, colored, was in the Police Court yesterday morning, charged with stabbing Robert Kimbrough, also colored. He was discharged when his counsel, Mr. Gilbert K. Pollock, brought out evidence to show that the cutting had been done in self-defense.
Pleasant Thomas, colored, was in court, charged with stealing 5 cents from Sarah Grimes and 50 cents from Emily Hopper. On the first charge he was dismissed; on the second he was sent to jail for fifteen days.
Ben Woodson, colored, was fined \$10 for having worked a horse suffering with a galled shoulder and sore back. He was reported by Agent E. C. Taylor, of the S. P. C. A.

POINT IN FAVOR OF TROOPS
Bullets Used in Shooting Up Brownsville Were Not Krags.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The expert analysis of the bullets submitted as evidence in the Brownsville investigation has been completed and the findings sent to the senate committee on military affairs. It is understood that the analysis shows that the bullets were not of the variety in use by the army at the time of the Brownsville riot. General Crozier, chief of the ordinance, concurred in the belief that the bullets submitted were not fired from Krag-Jorgensen rifles. The analysis of the bullets with correspondence from General Crozier will be submitted to the committee at its meeting on Tuesday next.

CHICAGO GETS CONVENTION
Republican National Committee Declines in Favor of That City.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The Republican national committee was called to order by Chairman New at 10:31 and Governor Murphy was immediately recognized to present the report of his committee on the retirement of Chairman Cortelyou. He expressed the regret of the committee, congratulated Mr. Cortelyou on the increasing honors that have come to him and closed by expressing a wish for a long life for him. The resolution was unanimously adopted. Chicago was chosen as the place of meeting of the national convention and June 15 the time. The vote was: Chicago, 32; Kansas City, 17; Denver, 4.

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